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Russia Peddles Arms For Influence, Claim

WASHINGTON (INS) — Soviet Russia is trying to peddle arms for influence in many parts of the world.

This is the conviction of the U.S. government today on the basis of mounting reports.

Officials made it clear that they saw a pattern in red dealings when it was revealed that Russia, after contracting to sell arms to Egypt, hinted it would also be willing to sell munitions to Israel.

The quantity of arms and weapons that the Soviets have available for export was pointed up in a recent speech by Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Dulles said that Russia has "a reserve of some four to six thousand MIG-15's, of which a very substantial number could be off-loaded as an adjunct to a general program of causing trouble throughout the world."

The MIG-15 is the jet fighter which the Communists used against American sabrejets during the Korean war. The Russians now have a "super" jet fighter, the MIG-17.

Dulles spelled out the Soviet arms position by saying: "As is well known, the Soviet emerged from World War II with a substantial stockpile of obsolescent and

now fairly obsolete military equipment.

"It is now estimated that the Soviet has many thousands of these types of war equipment, some becoming obsolete, some surplus. All are likely to be replaced over the next few years. New tanks are in mass production, and new long and medium range bombers are coming off the assembly line."

This surplus of war material gives the Russians commodities to trade for political influence.

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